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Serial No. : 10/735,512 Docket No.: 1414-03  
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Inventor : Salman Al-Mahmood Confirmation No.: 6845  
Title : ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDES  
: CAPABLE OF INHIBITING THE  
: FORMATION OF CAPILLARY TUBES  
: BY ENDOTHELIAL CELLS

Dated: May 10, 2004

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, Applicant respectfully request consideration of the following amendment and remarks: